

## **Palmer Park / Merrill Fountain**

Address: Second Avenue and Merrill Plaisance

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Merrill Fountain, 2003



### **Historic Overview:**

The Merrill Fountain is located on the grounds of Palmer Park. The fountain was named for Charles Merrill and was dedicated by his daughter Elizabeth Palmer who was an important influence in Detroit politics and businesses. Originally located in the Campus Martius downtown, it was moved to the park in 1926. The fountain is constructed of white marble and was designed by Carrere & Hastings Architects. It features circular pools with sculptures of turtles, fish and water lilies.<sup>1</sup>



Detail photo of the arch at the top of the fountain featuring a turtle.

<sup>1</sup> Information obtained from Michigan Historic Sites Online.